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SUBJECT: USLO ATTENDANCE AT OFFICIAL OR DIPLOMATIC
FUNCTIONS.

1. AGREE ON NEED FOR CAUTION IN APPROACHING QUESTION OF
US ACCEPTANCE OF INVITATIONS TO FORMAL FUNCTIONS REGU-
LARLY ATTENDED BY DIPLOMATIC CORPS. YOU MAY WISH,
HOWEVER, TO CONSIDER FOLLOWING IN MAKING FINAL DECISION.

2. WE ASSUME THAT EMBASSIES IN WASHINGTON OF COUNTRIES
WHICH HAVE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH PRC WILL INVITE
PRCLO TO THEIR NATIONAL DAY FUNCTIONS. WE HAVE
INFORMED PRCLO THAT THEY SHOULD FEEL FREE TO ACCEPT ANY
INVITATION THEY CHOOSE. FOR OUR PART, WE WILL INVITE
ROC TO EVENTS WHICH NORMALLY INCLUDE ALL MEMBERS OF
DIPLOMATIC CORPS. FOR OTHER EVENTS WE WILL INVITE
EITHER PRC OR ROC AS APPROPRIATE.

3. IN PEKING SUGGEST YOU CONSIDER AS GENERAL RULE NOT
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ACCEPT ANY INVITATIONS TO FORMAL FUNCTIONS ATTENDANCE AT WHICH WOULD CLEARLY IMPLY ACCEPTANCE OF STATUS AS MEMBER OF DIPLOMATIC CORPS (E. G., AIRPORT ARRIVAL CEREMONIES AND STATE DINNERS). NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATIONS, HOWEVER, DO NOT SEEM TO US TO FALL INTO SAME CATEGORY. NORMALLY GUESTS AT NATIONAL DAY FUNCTIONS INCLUDE JOURNALISTS AND VISITING BUSINESSMEN AS WELL AS DIPLOMATIC

REPRESENTATIVES. IF THIS IS THE CASE, WE SEE NO OBJECTION TO USLO ATTENDANCE. IN THE CASE OF " DIPLOMATIC TOURS" OF THE PRC, AS YOU SUGGEST, IF THE CHINESE WERE WILLING TO BROADEN THE DESCRIPTION OF GUEST LIST BEYOND " MEMBERS OF THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS" WE WOULD SEE NO OBJECTION TO USLO PARTICIPATION.

4. WE HAVE SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZED POSTS TO INVITE PRC REPRESENTATIVES TO JULY 4 CELEBRATIONS (A-3909, MAY 5, 1973). AS AN OFFICIAL US MISSION, YOU TOO ARE FREE, AT YOUR DISCRETION, TO HOST A RECEPTION. IN THIS CONNECTION, IF PROPOSED CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO CHINA LEAVES IN MID- JUNE AS NOW PLANNED, IT MAY BE IN PEKING AT THAT TIME. RUSH

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